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SUBJECT: US POLICY TOWARD ECUADOR

REF: QUITO 8883

1. ON THE EVE OF MY DEPARTURE FOR THE CHIEF OF MISSION MEETING IN WASHINGTON I DECEMBER 31 SOUGHT AND OBTAINED AN APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES TO DISCUSS THE SPECTRUM OF US/ECUADOREAN RELATIONS. THE APPOINTMENT IS FOR 3 PM FRIDAY, JANUARY 3.

2. IN VIEW OF THE SUBSEQUENT GOE DECISION NOT TO ATTEND THE BUENOS AIRES MFM IF THE GSP IS SIGNED (SEE REFTTEL), I EXPECT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER WILL GO OVER MUCH OF THE PREVIOUS GROUND WITH RESPECT TO ECUADOR'S POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. AT THE LEAST I WILL BE ABLE TO REPEAT TO HIS THAT THE ADMINISTRATION OPPOSED THIS SECTION OF THE TRADE BILL.

3. I WOULD LIKE TO USE THIS MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER TO TRY TO PRESERVE AS WIDE A RANGE AS POSSIBLE
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OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. ONE WAY TO DO THIS WOULD

BE TO GO SOMEWHAT BEYOND PREVIOUS STATEMENTS OF ADMINISTRAT-
ION POLICY ON THIS BILL. FOR EXAMPLE, IT WOULD BE
USEFUL IF AT THE TIME OF SIGNING THE BILL PRESIDENT
FORD REPEATS THE POINT THAT THERE ARE VARIOUS ITEMS IN
THE BILL ABOUT WHICH HE HAS RESERVATIONS. IT IS PROBABLY
TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT HE WOULD SINGLE OUT THE BLANKET
OPEC PROHIBITION TO THE BENEFITS OF GSP; HOWEVER IF HE
WERE TO MAKE THIS POINT AND THE BILL IS SIGNED PRIOR TO
MY MEETING WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER IT WOULD BE OF SOME
HELP IN PRESERVING OUR RELATIONS IN ECUADOR AND PERHAPS
IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL.

4. I HAVE AT THIS JUNCTURE LITTLE HOPE THAT ECUADOR WILL
CHANGE ITS MIND WITH RESPECT TO ATTENDING THE MFM AT
BUENOS AIRES NOR DO I THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO
SUGGEST TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER AT THIS POINT THAT ECUADOR
BACK DOWN. I SUSPECT THAT ECUADOR HOPES AND EXPECTS THAT
OTHER COUNTRIES MAY JOIN IN ITS DECISION NOT TO ATTEND
OR IF THEY DO ATTEND TO EXPRESS STRONG VOCAL SUPPORT
FOR ECUADOR'S POSITION. BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME OF
THE MFM ECUADOR WILL PROBABLY BE LOBBYING STRONGLY FOR
THIS SUPPORT AS I WOULD EXPECT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN DOING.
THE STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT FORD SUCH AS SUGGESTED ABOVE
COULD HELP IN MODIFYING THE TENOR OF THIS LOBBYING.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY IMMEDIATE TELEGRAM.
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